(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard; and

(d) the expenditure estimated to be incurred on this work?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (d) The Government of Uttar Pradesh had prepared a broad plan for Garhmukteshwar, but it was not found financially sound and workable. The Department of Tourism has advised the State Government to send a proposal which should not exceed Rs. 2.00 crores in the first phase. A proposal has been received on 6th March, 2003.

Development of sea-beaches

2132. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to develop the sea beaches in the country to attract both domestic and foreign tourists;

(b) the beach-wise details of the plan formulated;

(c) the funds allocated for the purpose to the concerned States during the last three years; and

(d) the details of co-ordinated efforts made with other Ministries/ Government departments?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir. The Department of Tourism, Government of India has formulated schemes of integrated development of Tourist Circuits and Product/Infrastructure and destination development for development of infrastructure facilities at places of tourist interest including the sea-beaches in the country during the Tenth Five Year Plan.

(b) During the year 2002-2003, out of the six identified circuits the following cover coastal areas:

(1) Western Circuit—(Konkan Riviera circuit) Bombay—Alibagh (Mandva)—Muradjanjira-Ganapatipule-Vijaydurg-Mithibad-Kunkeshwar-Mochetmad-Sindhudurg-Tarkarli-Shiroda-Savantwadi-Amboli-Goa-Coastal Karnataka-Bekal.

(2) Southern Circuit—(Backwater and Beach circuit) Cochin-Kumarakom (Backwaters)-Kottayam-Quilon-Trivandrum (Kovalam)

(c) During the last three years, the Department of Tourism has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 114.19 crores for various projects in States/UTs having a coastline including the development of infrastructure facilities in the coastal areas.

(d) The Department of tourism has taken up the matter regarding relaxation in Coastal Regulation Zone rules with the Ministry of Environment and Forests.

Clearance to tourism projects

2133. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several tourism projects received from the various States are pending with Central Government;

(b) if so, the details of such projects and the reasons for their pendency; and

(c) by when the above pending tourism projects are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) The Department of Tourism, Government of India has formulated new schemes of Integrated Development of Tourist Circuits and Product/Infrastrcture and Destination Development for the Tenth Plan and such Circuits and Destinations are identified in consultation with the State Governments/UT Administrations. Projects are sanctioned on merits of the detailed proposals and availability of funds. Developmental works in six tourism circuits and 7 destinations have been sanctioned so far. Three rural tourism projects have also been sanctioned.

(c) The projects which are not sanctioned by the end of this financial year are eligible for consideration during next financial year in consultation with concerned State Governments.